

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐
no ☐

Property Name: George W. Baker House Inventory Number: HA-1296
Address: 3647 Churchville Road City: Aberdeen Zip Code: 21001
County: Harford County USGS Topographic Map: Aberdeen, Maryland, 1985
Owner: Milton J. & Dorothy E. Nelson Is the property being evaluated a district? NO
Tax Parcel Number: 746 Tax Map Number: 51 Tax Account ID Number: 062070
Project: Adams Property Agency: Federal Communications Commission
Site visit by MHT Staff: ☒ no ☐ yes Name: _____ Date: _____
Is the property located within a historic district? ☐ yes ☒ no

If the property is within a district

District Inventory Number: _____

NR-listed district ☐ yes Eligible district ☐ yes District Name: _____

Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource ☐ yes ☐ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context ☐

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)

Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible ☐ yes ☒ no

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Maryland Historical Trust Inventory Form for State Historic Sites Survey dated July, 1979

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The property was most recently observed and photographed on January 17, 2003. Its condition was changed since the preparation of the Inventory Form for State Historic Sites Survey form in the library of the Maryland Historical Trust.

The property is described in the Maryland Historical Trust Inventory Form For State Historic Sites Survey prepared by Natalie Shivers, Historic Sites Surveyor, Harford County Historical District Commission, in July 1979. Following is a brief summary of that property description, as modified by site observations made January 17, 2003.

From the description, the house is set on a stone foundation and faces the north. The two story main section or north section is five bays wide and two bays deep with a gable roof and a center gable. A brick chimney is located on the east end. The house is covered with aluminum siding and the dormers have scalloped shingles. In

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Comments: _____

[Signature]
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

[Signature]
Reviewer, NR Program

4/30/03
Date

4/29/03
Date

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addition, the house was originally described as being in fair condition and altered. The house has been turned into an apartment house with additions on every side and at every junction. At the time of the visit, the west side and southwest corner of the building has received a wood deck. The remaining facades observed unchanged from the description in the attached form. It was observed that springhouse appears unchanged from the description in the attached form.

The property is not associated with any event or personage that would qualify it for eligibility under Criteria A or B, respectively. The original integrity, character, and detail of the original building have been so compromised by the alterations and renovations it has undergone that it does not qualify for registration under Criterion C for Design/Construction. No known archaeological significance is associated with the property, making it ineligible for consideration under Criterion D.

Prepared by:

William C. Riggs, RA
Historic Architect

Date Prepared: 01.28.03

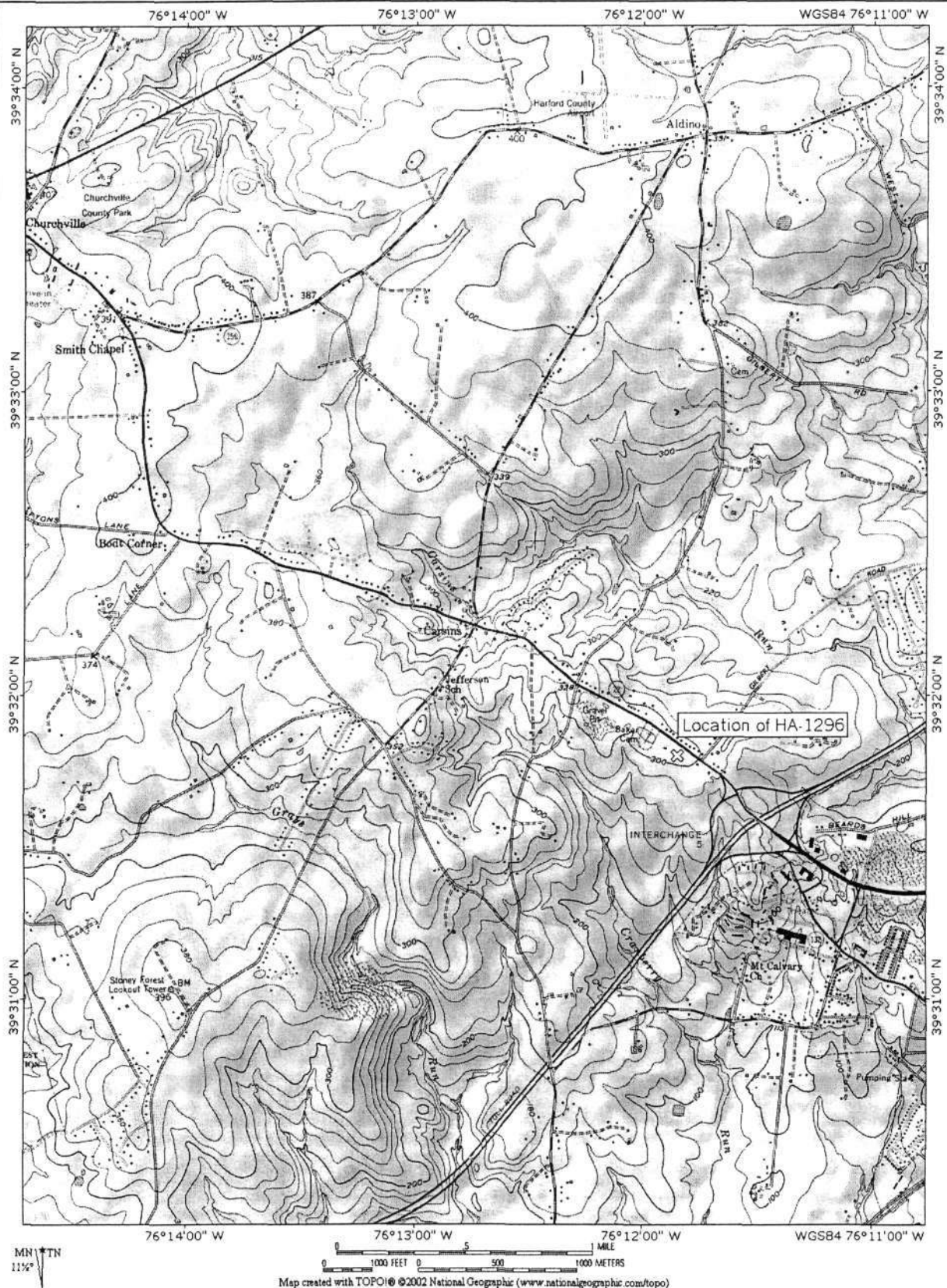
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HA-1296

Photo Negative List - Adams Raw Land 09.75132.0272

Ordered by Property Number

Roll 1		Roll 2		Roll 3		Summary	No Photos- (Bldg. demolished, or not in survey area)
Neg	Property	Neg	Property	Neg	Property		
1-33	HA-1294	2-17	HA-0987	3-4	HA-1296	HA-0987	HA-988
1-34	HA-1294	2-18	HA-0987	3-5	HA-1296	HA-0989	HA-1295
1-35	HA-1294	2-19	HA-0987	3-6	HA-1296	HA-0991	HA-1304
1-36	HA-1294	2-2	HA-0989	3-7	HA-1297	HA-0998	HA-1313
1-1	HA-1533	2-3	HA-0989	3-8	HA-1297	HA-0999	
1-2	HA-1533	2-4	HA-0989	3-9	HA-1297	HA-1293	
1-3	HA-1533	2-11	HA-0991	3-10	HA-1297	HA-1294	
1-4	HA-1533	2-12	HA-0991	3-1	HA-1554	HA-1296	
1-5	HA-1533	2-13	HA-0991	3-2	HA-1554	HA-1297	
1-6	HA-1534	2-14	HA-0991	3-3	HA-1554	HA-1533	
1-7	HA-1534	2-15	HA-0991			HA-1534	
1-8	HA-1534	2-16	HA-0991			HA-1535	
1-9	HA-1534	2-33	HA-0998			HA-1536	
1-10	HA-1534	2-34	HA-0998			HA-1553	
1-11	HA-1534	2-35	HA-0998			HA-1554	
1-12	HA-1534	2-36	HA-0998			HA-1618	
1-13	HA-1534	2-25	HA-0999			HA-1875	
1-14	HA-1534	2-26	HA-0999				
1-23	HA-1535	2-27	HA-0999				
1-24	HA-1535	2-28	HA-0999				
1-25	HA-1535	2-29	HA-0999				
1-26	HA-1535	2-30	HA-0999				
1-27	HA-1535	2-20	HA-1293				
1-28	HA-1535	2-21	HA-1293				
1-29	HA-1535	2-22	HA-1293				
1-15	HA-1553	2-23	HA-1293				
1-16	HA-1553	2-24	HA-1293				
1-17	HA-1553	2-1	HA-1536				
1-18	HA-1553	2-5	HA-1536				
1-19	HA-1553	2-6	HA-1536				
1-20	HA-1553	2-7	HA-1536				
1-21	HA-1553	2-8	HA-1536				
1-22	HA-1553	2-9	HA-1536				
1-30	HA-1618	2-10	HA-1536				
1-31	HA-1618	2-31	HA-1875				
1-32	HA-1618	2-32	HA-1875				



SITE VICINITY MAP
Aberdeen, MD Quadrangle
SCALE: As Shown



Property Condition Assessment
HA-1296_ George W. Baker House
Aberdeen, MD 21001



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GEORGE W. BAKER HOUSE

3647 CHURCHVILLE RD,
ABERDEEN, HARTFORD CO.

MD. 21001

PHOTO BY: JAMISON STOVER 01.17.03

NEG@ MD SHPO

NORTH & WEST ELEVATIONS

1/2

atc5x7-2, R34-02-039

GEORGE W. BAKER HOUSE HA-1296

ABERDEEN, MD 21001

01.03

, Photo Gallery, 01/29/03



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3647 CHURCHVILLE RD,

ABERDEEN, HARFORD CO

MD, 21001

PHOTO BY: JAMISON STOVER 01.17.03

NEG@MD 54P

EAST ELEVATION

2/2

at=5x7-2, R34-04_041

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ABERDEEN, MD 21001

01.03

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no ☐

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County: Harford USGS Topographic Map: Aberdeen, MD

Owner: Milton J. Nelson

Tax Parcel Number: 746 Tax Map Number: 51 Tax Account ID Number: 1302062070

Project: KH-875-00-006 Agency: Maryland Transportation Authority (MdTA)

Site visit by MHT Staff: ☒ no ☐ yes Name: _____ Date: _____

Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility **not** recommended ☒

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Is the property located within a historic district? ☒ no ☐ yes Name of district: _____

Is district listed? ☐ no ☐ yes Determined eligible? ☐ no ☐ yes District Inventory Number: _____

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Silber, B. H. and A. D. Tabachnick (2000)
Historic Architectural Survey, John F. Kennedy Memorial Highway
Improvements to the MD 22 Interchange, Harford County, Maryland.

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(Resource 10)
3647 Churchville Road
Aberdeen, MD 21001

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This building was erected by George Washington Baker in the early 1850s. Baker, according to Weeks (1996), was one of the earliest canning packers in this area. Baker was born in 1815 and was first active in the cabinet making business, then ship timber business, and then turned to canning. He purchased a 14 acre plot of land from his siblings and began to build this

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Comments: _____

SEE ATTACHED LETTER DATED FEBRUARY 22, 2001

✓
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

Date

Reviewer, NR program

Date

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Although the house has historic importance for its association with George W. Baker, the building has lost integrity due to alterations including re-siding, porch enclosure, and a series of modern rear additions. The house has been subdivided and now serves as multiple apartments. The house does not meet National Register of Historic Places criteria due to a loss of integrity.

Prepared by: Barbara C. H. Silber and
Alan D. Tabachnick

Date Prepared: 12/11/00



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February 22, 2001

Mr. Kurt A. Miller, P.E.
McCormick, Taylor & Associates, Inc.
Meadow Mill at Woodberry
3600 Clipper Mile Road
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Baltimore, MD 21211

RE: Reconstruction of I-95 and MD 22 Interchange
Aberdeen, Harford County, Maryland (Article 83B §5-617 Review – MdTA)

Dear Mr. Miller:

The Maryland Historical Trust has received the "Historic Architectural Survey, John F. Kennedy Memorial Highway Improvements to the MD 22 Interchange, Harford County, Maryland," prepared by Silber & Tabachnick (December 2000). The report is well prepared and will be a welcome addition to our Library. On Attachment 1 lists some minor corrections that we would request the preparers make for the final Report. Trust staff also have examined the forms and photographs and below are our comments on eligibility and effect for the project on historic properties in the Area of Potential Effect.

Silber & Tabachnick identified twelve properties which were more than fifty years of age, and provided new inventory and determination of eligibility forms for each. Based on the information provided, the Trust is able to concur that all of the following resources are **not eligible** for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places:

HA-1296	George W. Baker House
HA-1297	Baker-Solley Outbuildings
HA-1554	Baker Cemetery
HA-1996	Majerle House
HA-1997	Steffe House
HA-1998	Hettchen House
HA-1999	Earhart House
HA-2000	Baine House
HA-2001	Vest House
HA-2002	Andrews House
HA-2003	Gilley House
HA-2004	MdTA/Johnson House

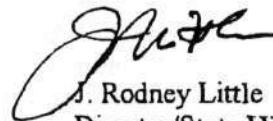
Mr. Kurt A. Miller, P.E.
February 22, 2001
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The house, outbuildings and cemetery associated with the Baker family were once a single parcel of land. However, as is typical of an area which is changing from farming to suburban development, the subdivision of the property has occurred in a way that has destroyed the cohesiveness of the former Baker holdings. Most of the remaining houses were built in 1949 and 1950. Although these single family dwellings appear to demonstrate a single builder, and are examples of the FHA's minimal modern house, together and individually they lack the architectural qualities which would make them eligible under Criterion C.

Based on the information provided, it is therefore the Trust's opinion that the reconstruction of the I-95/MD 22 Interchange will have *no effect* on historic properties eligible for or listed in the National Register of Historic Places, including archeological sites and standing structures.

Thank you for providing us this opportunity to comment. Should you have any questions regarding the review of the project, please contact Ms. Anne Bruder (for structures) at 410-514-7636 or Ms. Elizabeth Cole (for archeology) at 410-514-7631.

Sincerely,



J. Rodney Little
Director/State Historic Preservation Officer

JRL:AEB
200100178

cc: Mr. Christopher Weeks, Harford County
Mr. Doug Novocin, MdTA

MIHP HA-1296

George W. Baker House

3647 Churchville Road

Aberdeen, MD 21001

Date of Construction: ca. 1850

Private residence subdivided into several apartments

Summary of Property

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Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. MIHP HA-1296

1. Name of Property

(indicate preferred name)

historic George W. Baker House

other

2. Location

street and number 3647 Churchville Road not for publication

city, town Aberdeen vicinity

county Harford

3. Owner of Property

(give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Milton J. and Dorothy E. Nelson

street and number 3647 Churchville Road telephone

city, town Aberdeen state MD zip code 21001

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Harford County Courthouse liber 1141 folio 673

city, town Bel Air tax map 51 tax parcel 746 tax ID number 1302062070

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☒ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Contributing	Noncontributing
0	2
0	0
0	0
0	0
0	2
Total	

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

2

7. Description

Inventory No. MIHP HA-1296

Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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See MIHP HA-1296 (Shivers 1979, on file at MHT)

8. Significance

Inventory No. MIHP HA-1296

Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates c. 1850s

Architect/Builder George Washington Baker

Construction dates ca. 1850s

Evaluation for:

☒ National Register

☒ Maryland Register

☐ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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George W. Baker House (Resource 10)

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Aberdeen, MD 21001

Although the house may have limited historic importance for its association with George W. Baker, the building has lost integrity due to alterations including residing, porch enclosure, and a series of modern rear additions. The house has been subdivided into apartments. The house does not meet National Register of Historic Places criteria. It is not significant for any association with a broad pattern of history, Criterion A. It is associated with a significant local individual, but the building has lost integrity and no longer reflects that association. It does not meet Criterion B. The building is not architecturally significant due to the alterations and does not meet Criterion C. There is no evidence to suggest that the property contains significant information potential, and thus is not eligible under Criterion D.

This building was erected by George Washington Baker in the early 1850s. Baker, according to Weeks (1996), was one of the earliest canning packers in this area. Baker was born in 1815 and was first active in the cabinet making business, then ship timber business, and then turned to canning. He purchased a 14 acre plot of land from his siblings and began to build this house around 1850. He began canning fruit on a small scale at that time, and "by the time he died in 1888 he owned 3,000 acres of farmland and several large canning factories" (Weeks 1996:315). This house reflected his wealth and success.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Inventory No. MIHP HA-1296

Weeks, Cristopher

1996 An Architectural History of Harford County, Maryland. Johns Hopkins University Press, Baltimore, MD.

Silber, B. H. and A. D. Tabachnick

2000 Historic Architectural Survey, John F. Kennedy Memorial Highway Improvements to the MD 22 Interchange, Harford County, Maryland. Prepared for the Maryland Transportation Authority. Baltimore, Maryland.

MD Real Property Search (www.dat.state.md.us)

MHT MIHP files

MIHP HA-1296 – Geroge W Baker House (Shivers:1979 on file at MHT)

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 2.03 Acres

Acreage of historical setting

Quadrangle name Aberdeen, MD

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Reference: Map 51; Grid 2D; Pardel 746: Group 82

The land encompassed within the legal bounds as delineated in Liber 1141, Folio 673.

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Barbara C.H. Silber & Alan D. Tabachnick		
organization	McCormick, Taylor and Associates, Inc.	date	12/11/00
street & number	3600 Clipper Mill Road, Suite 350	telephone	(410) 662-7400
city or town	Baltimore	state	MD 21211

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust
DHCD/DHCP
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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
410-514-7600



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Main facade



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GEORGE W. BAKER HOUSE
3647 CHURCHVILLE ROAD
ABERDEEN, HARFORD COUNTY, MD
MAIN FACADE (WEST FACADE)

PHOTOGRAPHER: BARBARA SILBER
DATE: MARCH 2001
NEGATIVE: MD SHPO

HA-1296

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Aberdeen, Maryland 21001

This ca. 1850 frame mansion was built by George W. Baker, the premier canner in Harford County. He established his canning business in 1866 and ultimately owned three factories and 3000 acres of fruit and corn. Baker was a pioneer in the industry and established a well-known dynasty of canners in the area.

Although the house has been remodelled severely, its previous splendor can be imagined. The lavish Italianate ornament that remains on the exterior provides a tantalizing clue to its former glory.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

George W. Baker House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

south side of Churchville Rd. (Old Rte. 22), west of Rte. 95 interchange, near

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air,

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Aberdeen.

STATE

Maryland 21014

COUNTY

Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☐ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☐ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

McGrady Construction Co.

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

3647 Churchville Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Aberdeen,

VICINITY OF

STATE Maryland zip code 21001

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

40 S. Main St.

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air,

STATE Maryland 21014

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**☐ EXCELLENT☐ GOOD☒ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☐ UNALTERED☒ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED DATE _____**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The original shape and stature of this amorphous frame house located on the south side of Churchville Rd. west of Rte. 95 are barely discernible now. It has been turned into an apartment house with additions on every side and at every juncture.

The house, set on a stone foundation, faces north: the two-story main or north section is five bays wide and two bays deep with a gable roof and center gable. Although the hip-roofed porch has been filled in, the top half of the original front is still intact. There is a brick chimney in the east end, and the five windows in the second story have 2/2 sash and louvered shutters. The center bay contains a tripartite window with bellcast roof supported on carved brackets in the second story and a round-arched window in the gable. The center gable is flanked by two dormer windows-each containing an ensemble of a central round window and two round-arched windows. The roof and dormer cornices are supported on carved brackets. The house is covered in aluminum siding, but the dormers have scalloped shingles.

The west end of the main section is also relatively intact with two windows in each story.

Of the rest of the structure, only the gable-roofed portion of the south side appears to be original, so apparently the house was el-shaped. The south end of the el has an interior brick chimney with a corbelled cap, flanked by four-light windows in the gable, and there is one window each in the first and the second stories.

West of the house is one-story, two bay by one bay, gable-roofed structure covered in shiplap. The boxed cornice has gable returns, and windows have 2/2 sash. The entrance is in the east side.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In 1849, the heirs of Nicholas Baker III sold 14 acres of "Mitchells Lot" to their brother, George W. Baker, for \$100.¹ In 1850, George W. Baker took out a \$1200 mortgage with Nicholas Baker (probably his brother, who was born in 1810). Included in the deed were George W. Baker's machinery for making chairs-"1 steam engine of 6 horsepower used for sawing and turning chairs, stuff, 3 circular saws and saw shaft with all the machinery and fixtures, also 1 mill or machine for sawing chair tops"-and his household furniture: "2 feather beds and bedding, 2 bedsteads, 1 cherry table, 1 walnut table, half a dozen cane seat chairs, 1/2 dozen windsor, 1 mahogany bureau, and...breakfast and dinner china and queensware..."²

George W. Baker's 1850 inventory suggests a prosperous-although not remarkably so-owner of a chair-making enterprise. The house he built on this lot attests to his later role as a premier canner in Harford County, founding his business in 1866, ultimately owning 3 factories and 3000 acres of fruit and corn. He was a pioneer in the industry and eventually played a pivotal role in establishing a whole dynasty of Baker canners.

George W. Baker was born in the Rodman house (HA-999) in 1815. He died in 1889, and in 1894 this lot, including 30 acres he had purchased in 1862, were sold to Susan E. Courtney for \$5000.³ Della Chalk received this land via Susan Courtney's will; in 1940, she and her husband sold 10-3/4 acres of the original lot owned by George W. Baker to Donald and Rebecca Craig.⁵

The house must have been splendid when George W. Baker lived in it. The lavish Italianate ornament that remains on the exterior provides a tantalizing clue to its former glory. It is a gussied-up Harford County farmhouse with its center gable, dormer windows, and el shape, and shows that George W. Baker was at heart a Harford County farmer. The Baker houses on Bel Air Avenue in Aberdeen, have a more cosmopolitan and showy bearing, having been built by the second generation of canners.

Footnotes

¹ HDG 35/518

² HDG 35/515

³ WSF 81/41

⁴ JA 16/266

⁵ GCB 259/436

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

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11 FORM PREPARED BY

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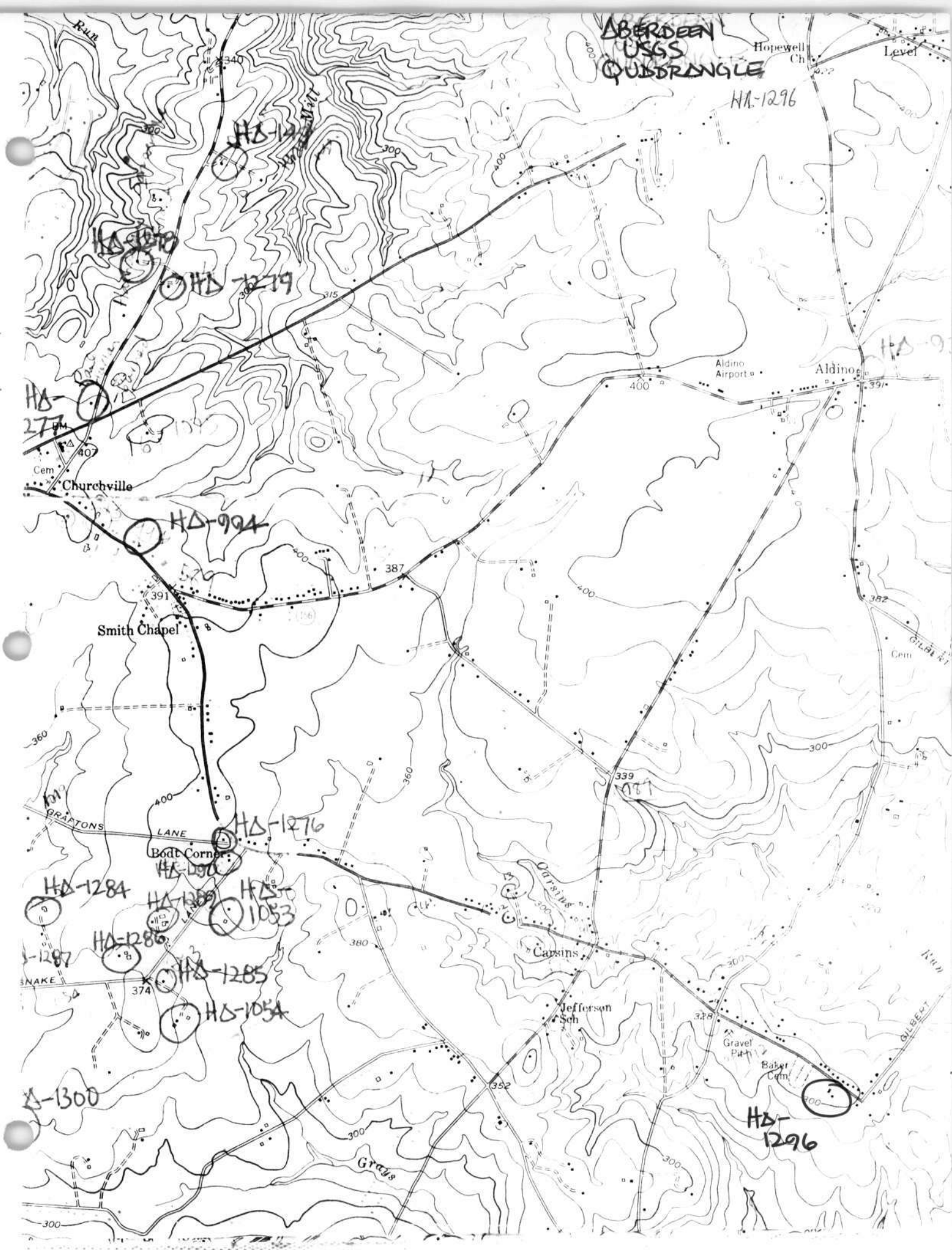
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George W. Baker House

Title Search

HA- 1296

GRG	729/552	December 6, 1966	Grantor: Jerusha G. Oliver, surviving Trustee for estate of Malcolm W. Mitchell Grantee: McGrady Construction Co. Acreage: 2 Parcels 1.) 2.34 Acres 2.) 2.03 Acres
GCB	269/331	November 3, 1941	Grantor: Donald I. & Rebecca G. Craig Grantee: Malcolm W. & Eva O. Mitchell Acreage: 10 Acres
GCB	259/436	April 27, 1940	Grantor: Della E. & Thomas H. Chalk Grantee: Donald I. & Rebecca G. Craig Acreage: 10-3/4 Acres
WSF	81/41	May 18, 1894	Grantor: William B. Baker and wife Marge C. Wesley & Lydia Harward, Charles W. & Emma Baker, John H. Baker, Asel & Alice C. Tollinger, George H. & Mattie W. Baker, James B. Baker, & wife Fannie M. & Sarah R. Carty Grantee: Susan E. Courtney Acreage: 2 Parcels 1.) part of "Mitchells lot"-30 Acres, 1 Rood, 9 Square Perches 2.) From Nicholas Baker September 19, 1855 ALJ 6/273 Sum: \$5000
ALJ	6/273	September 19, 1855	Grantor: Nicholas Baker Grantee: George W. Baker Acreage: 14 Acres, part of "Mitchells Lot" Sum: \$1200
HDG	35/515	February 4, 1850 (Ind.)	Grantor: George W. Baker Grantee: Nicholas Baker Acreage: 14 Acres-part of "Mitchells Lot" Sum: \$1200
HDG	35/518	December 28, 1849 (Ind.)	Grantor: Elizabeth Baker, Nicholas & Eliza- beth Baker, Charles Baker, James Baker, Sarah Baker, Tailor Gilbert and wife Sophia, Henry and Eliza- beth Arnold Grantee: George W. Baker Acreage: 14 Acres-"Mitchells Lot" Sum: \$100





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